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That all Washington has caught the clean-up fever was the belief expressed today by Dr. Arthur L. Murray, secretary of the committee, which is directing the capital's fourth annual clean-up campaign.

With practically every social service agency of the city and hundreds of householders engaged in the work, the cause of sanitation and good health is being advanced at an unprecedented rate, he reported.

Dr. Murray has directed the field work in all the campaigns, and is in a fever to compare the present effort with that of previous years. His conclusion is that the capital is more united than ever in the war on dirt, and that the beneficial results to be derived from the campaign will soon make themselves apparent to the most uninterested observer.

Advantage of Cleanliness.

From the beginning, clean city workers have insisted that increased sanitation would lead, with other things, to fewer flies and less disease. Last year the number of cases of typhoid fever reported was the smallest on record, and attributed in large measure to the efforts of an awakened public in the importance of combating filth, the typhoid germ.

That Washingtonians, as a result of their continuing efforts to keep the city clean, may anticipate still fewer cases of typhoid fever this summer and look forward to an era of health never before approached is the confident expectation of the leaders of the clean-up campaign.

Agencies Participating.

Boy Scouts, playgrounds, schools, social settlements and many other agencies, besides the great army of home-owners, are working with a vim to make the campaign a success, it is reported.

Dr. Murray this afternoon will meet the members of Boy Scout Troop No. 32 and map out plans for cleaning up the Piney Branch section. Boy Scouts in Congress Heights, Randle Highlands and Anacostia have put their shoulders to the wheel in the renovating crusade and are making the dust fly in those areas.

Social Service Bodies Aiding.

Among the social service agencies co-operating are the Association of Charities, which has all its branches; the Neighborhood House, on N street between 4th and 5th street southwest; Friendship House, on Virginia avenue between 3rd and 4th streets southeast; Social Settlement, at 18 1/2 street southwest; Alley Improvement Association, on New Jersey avenue between 1st and 2nd streets northwest; Centre, on H street near Barry place northwest; and Noel House, on Kramer street northeast.

According to Mrs. J. P. Neligh, who is in charge of Neighborhood House, conditions in the section have improved wonderfully since the beginning of the campaign.

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The expectation is gaining ground among those lawyers concerned, who are conversant with the law, that the government will ask that the suit brought by the Riggs National Bank be thrown out of court for lack of jurisdiction to determine the scope and limit of discretionary powers vested in an official of the government by law of Congress. That the definition of the discretionary powers of the controller of the currency is the legal issue in the controversy is well recognized.

"It is too well settled to admit of dispute at this day," declares a ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States, to which attention was called today at the Treasury, that where there is a discretion of this kind conferred on an officer or board of officers, and a contract is made in which they have exercised that discretion, the validity of the contract cannot be made to depend on the degree of wisdom or skill which may have accompanied its exercise.

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There are other appropriations placed at the disposal of the Attorney General that may be applied to the employment of special counsel, should it not be proper to employ the United States district attorney as nominally in charge of the case. There can be little doubt of the authority of the Attorney General to make such arrangement.

DEBATES ENIVEN D. A. R. SESSIONS

President Wilson, Speaking at D. A. R. Convention, Asks for Sober Second Thought

Declaring that the supreme test of a nation's fitness is its self-possession in times of stress, and that nations and organizations alike must possess the power, if they would survive, to think as clearly and as straightly in periods of difficulty as in moments of ease, President Wilson in his address to the Daughters of the American Revolution yesterday pleaded for sober second thought and for unity of purpose in all the deliberations and actions of the congress now in session.

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Conceded He Lost Heavily in Cam-
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Fighting Awaited.

Persistent reports that followers of Gen. Huerta along the border are preparing to signalize Gen. Villa's heavy defeat at Celaya by beginning a new revolt were not confirmed in official dispatches from Mexico today.

The alleged serious quarrel between Villa and his chief supporter, Gen. Angeles, also lacked confirmation, according to officials of the administration.

Other dispatches expected at the State Department today were being awaited for details of the extent of Villa's defeat in the six days of fighting, during which his losses have been reported at six thousand men.

Reports said Villa was preparing to reorganize at Aguascalientes for a new attack on Obregon, the Carranza commander.

Confirmation of Carranza Victory.

Consular dispatches from Mexico reaching the State Department last evening confirmed the Carranza claims of a great victory for Gen. Obregon over Gen. Villa at Celaya, and told of the latter's retreat northward, destroying the railroad and burning his losses in the six days of fighting, ending Saturday, were estimated at 6,000 killed and wounded.

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Visitor to This City Describes Con-
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Praising the Wilson administration for having refused to recognize "the treacherous and murderous rule of Huerta" in Mexico, and characterizing as futile and absurd recent efforts of Huerta to erase his name from the history of Mexico, a visitor to this city, who was the closest friend of Pino Suarez, the Mexican vice president, who was killed by Huerta on February 22, 1913, and also an intimate of Madero himself, today talked to a reporter for The Star.

Senior Brito, who stated that he never has held any official position in Mexico, said that whether or not Huerta was responsible for the assassination in the sense of having personally planned it, he could never dodge the fact that he had pledged himself to take care of the prisoners and had wanted to take care of them.

He scouted the claim of Huerta that he was "elected by the people" and said that there had never been a more popular election in Mexico.

The ten days of rioting in Mexico City, which culminated in the arrest of Madero, he said, were described by Senior Brito, who said that during all this time the vice president was living with him.

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T. C. Platt's Name Brought In.

The name of Thomas C. Platt was first brought to the attention of the jury when Mr. Van Benschoten mentioned it in sketching the actions of Col. Roosevelt in Albany. It was there, counsel said, that the colonel and Mr. Barnes first came to know each other.

Mr. Platt, who counsel described as the "easy boss," was then a political boss in the state of New York. He was a member of the New York state insurance investigation and a statement he acceded to Mr. Barnes that he would men who would be "mine" in government offices.

Finally counsel said: "It is well known that the responsibility is resting upon the jury in this case. The eyes of the state and nation are upon the people of New York to establish a clean and efficient government. How they look upon an effort of old-fashioned politics to secure a political victory by a citizen in trying to establish a government by and for the people is a matter of great importance. It is a matter of great importance to the people of New York to see that the government is a government by and for the people, and not a government by and for the few."

Colonel's Secretary Called.

John McGrath, Col. Roosevelt's private secretary, who gave out the offending statement, was called as the first witness.

Mr. McGrath told of giving the statement to newspaper correspondents at Col. Roosevelt's home at Otway, N. Y. Mr. McGrath then read a list of newspapers published in